Judges in Guwahati High Coun

343. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the total number of judges in Guwahati High Court at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that the re quisite number of judges are not appointed in Guwahati High Court; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As .on 1-4-1987, 8 Judges were in position in the Guwahati High Court, and there were two vacancies. The matter regarding filling up the vacancies of Judges in the Guwahati High Court *is* engaging the attention of the Government.

Industrially backward district in Assam

344. SHRIMATl BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY): Will the Minister-of INDUSTRY he pleased to state-.

(a) the total number of districts in the country identified as industrially backward by the Planning Commission;

(b) whether there is any district in Assam which has been identified as such;

(c) if so, what is the total number thereof; and

(d) what are the special measures adopted for the development of industries in the identified backward districts in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRl M. , ARUNACHALAM) («) Presently 300 districts have been identified as industrially backward in the country.

(b) to (d) The entire State of Assam has been placed in Category 'A* of backward areas and the entrepre
neurs setting up industrial units are entitled to the highest rate of Central Investment Subsidy at the rate of 25 per cent of their fixed capital invest ment subject to ceiling of Rs. 25 lakhs with effect from 1-4-1983. This ceiling hag been raised to Rs. 50 lakhs for setting up electronic industries in hill districts with effect from 1-4-1985. A liberalised scheme for development of infrastructure in the 'No Industry Districts' has been-. extended to the en-. tire North Eastern Region. The rate of Transport Subsidy has also been raised from 75 per cent to 90 percent in this region including Assam with effect from 1-9-1986. The names of backward districts and the conces-, sions/incentives provided for development Of industries in Category 'A' districts are given in the booklet on 'Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas', copies of which are available in Parliamentary Library.

Participation of employees of public sector in the management

345. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK-RAVARTY): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to offer share to the employees of public sector undertakings in the country in order to secure employees' commitment to work and to generate a sense of involvement in them iri the undertakings; ani

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMINT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) Information IB being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.